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1. FYI: HIGH-LEVEL CONSIDERATION OF AIR MANPOWER ISSUE IS

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PLANNED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THEREFORE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON

THIS ISSUE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. END FYI.

2. WHILE PAPER IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE AS TECHNICAL DISCUSSION, AND PRELIMINARY TONE OF DISCUSSION APPROPRIATE, REFERENCES (PARA 10, 11) TO ADDING AIR MANPOWER TO COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REDUCTIONS AS QUOTE COSMETIC UNQUOTE ARE INAPPROPRIATE DOR WG PAPER.

3. WE SEE AT LEAS THREE THEORETICAL WAYS OF INCLUDING AIR MANPOWER IN MBFR: ADDING AIR MANPOWER TO THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT WITHOUT, IN PHASE I AT LEAST, ADDRESSING AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS, SPECIFICALLY PROVIDING FOR AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS, BUT WITH THE RESULTING CEILING APPLYING ONLY TO THE AIR-GROUND AGGREGATE; AND AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS RESULTING IN AIR MANPOWER CEILING DISTINCT FROM THE CEILING RESULTING FROM GROUND FORCE REDUCTIONS. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PARAS 10-11 NOTING SUCH POSSIBILITIES. KISSINGER

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